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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 22, 2003 (Paper No. 25; hereafter "Final Action"), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.¹

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, authorization to charge such fees is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

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¹ Applicants submit the Amendment herewith and note that the Advisory Action mailed December 10, 2003 indicated in item 3 that Applicants' Amendment submitted on September 25, 2003 **would not be entered**.